

# HOME COMING AND FALL FESTIVAL

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## THIS IS HOME-COMING WEEK FOR PLYMOUTH

The Shows Are Coming in, Final Arrangements Are Being Made and All Will Soon Be Ready.—Charge for Aeroplane Will Be 35 Cents.

Home Coming and Fall Festival week is here at last, and if the fates are propitious, it will be the greatest and biggest time that Plymouth has ever had. Fine weather is now all that is needed to make the occasion one hewing success from beginning to ending.

It was decided Monday that the charge to see the airship would be 35 cents to enter the ground and see the aeroplane at its stand. It has been the desire of the committee all along to make the charge 25 cents, but the expense of this attraction has been so great that it was impossible for them to do this. There has been no place yet where admission for an attraction of this kind has been less than 50 cents, and in many cases there has been an additional charge of 25 cents to see the aeroplane at rest. The Commercial club is doing better than any other place when they make the price 35 cents. It will take immense crowds at this price to cover the expense of the aeroplane for the two days. The Club wants to nearly cover the cost of this big attraction if they can; there is no desire nor attempt to make anything out of it. They want the people to see an airship and see it carry a man into the sky.

**Small Shows Here.**  
A number of the small shows arrived here Monday and began erecting their tents. Some difficulty arose because a few of the merchants objected to having their fine show windows obscured by the tents, and several of the shows were on the point of leaving the city. The matter was adjusted satisfactorily, however, and the showmen went ahead with their work.

**Many Decorations.**  
The stores are being generally decorated and this feature is adding much to the appearance to the city. Some of the residences too have already been adorned by the work of Mr. Fern, and doubtless many more, both of the stores and residences will receive appropriate adornment for the occasion.

**Getting Flats Ready.**  
Many of those who are to take part in the great parade of Saturday are hard at work getting their flats ready for that day. Some are on wagons, some on autos, some otherwise. A great variety, both humorous and gorgeous are to be expected and the people must prepare to see something fine indeed. It would not do to give away any of the secrets as yet. All the surprise is to be kept for Saturday.

**Schools to Close.**  
The long expected and anxiously awaited order of the school board as to whether the school would close on Thursday and Friday, came to Monday. It is that the schools will close early on Thursday afternoon and remain closed the rest of the week. Dismissal will take place on Thursday at about 2:30. All of the students will be delighted and the public will approve the order.

**APPLES THAT ARE APPLES.**  
Some Big Ones Grown Near Leiter Which Will Make Any State Take Off Her Hat.

L. F. Overmyer was showing this morning some of the biggest and finest apples ever seen anywhere. The largest measured fifteen inches in circumference and weighed one and a quarter pounds. Mr. Overmyer grew these on his farm near Leiter's Ford. He has several trees of them, known as the Wolf River apple, but most of them were blown off by the recent storm. See them in the show windows of Overmyer & Anderson's shoe store and then talk Indiana apples, instead of Washington or Oregon apples.

\$100.00 to be given away as cash prizes for the best wheat and corn exhibited at The Home Coming.

### RANDALL BROS. MILL.

Union City Plant Ready for Work—Big Barbecue On Saturday In Honor of Enterprise.

The new mill of Randall Bros. at Union City, Mich., is now ready for the manufacture of flour, and a big barbecue was held Saturday at that place by the citizens of the town in honor of the industry which they appreciate very much. The Register Weekly says:

"The mill is now practically complete, and on Saturday the wheels will be in motion, although actual flour manufacturing operations are not expected to begin until a little later. The mill is a first-class one in every particular, and in a later issue we shall be pleased to give a detailed description. Randall Bros. have given us just what we have long needed—a good flouring mill, and we appreciate it."

The barbecue will take place upon the mill grounds, where a huge roast of ox will be cut up and distributed free to the hungry multitude, along with bread and other things for a lunch. The roasting is in charge of Mr. Will Bell, who has secured apparatus used here before for this same purpose. The roasting begins on Friday afternoon, and continues until the time of serving about noon on Saturday.

Along with the barbecue there has been arranged an interesting program of athletic sports of various kinds. One of these, which is sure to prove interesting in a tug of war from bank to bank of the mill race, the contesting towns being Athens and Union City.

It will also be a good time to inspect the remodeled mills, and Randall Bros. invite all to call and see them on this and succeeding days.

Some one has suggested that every whistle be blown and every bell rung in Union City for one minute, at seven o'clock on Saturday morning, to notify the country that our town is to celebrate on that day—a good idea.

### TEACHERS CHOSEN FOR CENTER TOWNSHIP

There are in all twenty teachers chosen for the coming school year for Center township. They are as follows:

Lawrence Hensel, Maple Grove. E. W. Reynolds, Stuckman school. Stella Burden, Lee school. Opal Zeiters, Roberts school. H. M. Tehay, Inwood school. Laura Shoemaker, Inwood school. Ella Cole, Inwood school. Lottie Schroeder, Inwood school. Lucy Hite, Inwood school. Tina See, Maple Grove. Marie Rhodes, Walnut Grove. Hazel Trix, Berkey school. Tressie Martin, Jordan school. Henry White, Wilderness. Ruana Salt, Oak Dale. W. F. Helms, Hazelton. O. A. Greiner, Bright Side. Anna Dorsey, Bright Side. Maggie Heminger, Bright Side. Dessie McDonald, Bright Side.

### WILL HAVE EXPERT

### JUDGES ON EXHIBITS.

Those who intend to make exhibitions at the Home Coming and Fall Festival will be glad to know that only the best of judges are to be employed to pass upon the exhibits. For the corn, an expert from Purdue University will be here and make the decisions. For the fruit, Mr. H. H. Swain of South Bend, ex-president of the State Horticultural Society, and judge at the Laporte fair this year, will act. The farm exhibits are an important part of the big show and nothing is being left undone by the committee to make everything entirely satisfactory to those interested.

### Shower For Mrs. Petit.

Mrs. Bert Petit was agreeably surprised by a number of her Plymouth girl friends showering in on her Friday evening.

A fine new Hudson on the dining room table was so filled with congratulations and best wishes of many kinds that both the rear and front axles collapsed and the mechanics were called to repair the car with pliers and pins.

Mrs. Petit was induced to tell some of her interesting experiences, but when Mr. Petit was called in he could not be entangled into making a speech before so many young ladies. He submitted to being introduced to each one and cordially invited the girls to return.

### POLK TOWNSHIP TEACHERS CHOSEN

The following is a list of the names of the teachers assigned to teach the schools of Polk township:

Ethel Campbell, District No. 1, Morris. Fred Stull, District No. 2, Barbee. Earl Stoneburner, District No. 3, Miller. Wm. T. Kinder, District No. 4a, Tyner. Alva McKesson, District No. 4b, Tyner. Maude Burton, District No. 4c, Tyner. Maude Fink, District No. 4d, Tyner. Arthur F. Miller, District No. 6, Boyd. Loral Huffman, District No. 7, Richardson. Lois Johnson, District No. 8, Shiloh. Charles Snyder, District No. 9, Sibert. Carl W. Wolff, District No. 10, Cudney. Breton Ross, District No. 11a, Tecard. Nellie Williams, District No. 11b, Tecard. Agnes Rupel, District No. 12, Schroeder. Schools open next Monday.

### ANNUAL MISSIONARY PICNIC IN COUNTRY.

About twenty ladies and friends of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church held their annual picnic meeting at the home of Mrs. Jesse Murgatroyd, about two and a half miles northwest of the city, Wednesday afternoon. Automobiles took the guests to and from the place. An excellent supper was served and all enjoyed the country. Some of the autos got out of commission and Mr. Murgatroyd had to bring a part of the guests home in his wagon or keep them over night. He preferred bringing them home.

### Studying at Harvard.

Harley W. Zehner of South Bend left her home Thursday, after making his grandmother, Mrs. Wm. Zehner, a short visit. He will leave next week for Harvard University to take up his second year's work. After he has finished his four year course, he will study law in the same school.

### Saturday Club Meeting.

The Saturday Club devoted its last meeting to a study of Nathaniel Hawthorne under the direction of Mrs. Butler of Culver and Miss Anna Morrell.

Hawthorne was a great lover of Nature and spent much of his youth in her delights and in seclusion and serious meditation. His writings reflect a delicacy, a depth of conscientious feeling and a refinement unsurpassed in American literature. He is best known by his "Scarlet Letter," "House of Seven Gables," "Tanglewood Tales" and "Marble Faun."

### BODY WAS FOUND

### DEAD IN THE YARD

The body of Burney Ross was found dead in the yard early Thursday morning by one of the family. Mr. Ross had not been in bed the night before at all. It seems that he had taken the lantern and gone out the back door on his way to the barn about 8:30 o'clock and as he was crossing the yard, about four rods from the house, he fell backward dead. He was lying on his back and had evidently been there all night. The other members of the family had gone to bed and being tired slept soundly and did not notice that he was not in.

The funeral of Mr. Ross will be held Sunday at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon at Center church in Polk township. The burial will be there also.

Man's mastery of the air will be demonstrated at Plymouth Sept. 21-22. See for yourselves.

### ANOTHER COLOSSAL STATUE FOR NEW YORK HARBOR.



To be erected by the fans of the metropolis in case the Giants win the pennant. —Triggs in New York Press.

## GOVERNMENT OF CITIES BY COMMISSION

### MOST PROGRESSIVE CITIES OF THE NATION ARE FAST TAKING THIS NEW FORM.

### LATEST TRENTON, N. J.

### How Agitation Started Twenty Years Ago By Dr. Shaw is Now Bearing Fruit.

What is declared, by those who won the victory to have been the most important municipal election held in an Eastern State for many years resulted in giving to the city of Trenton, N. J., the commission form of government. July 18 the city held primaries, at which nominations were made for the commission. On August 15 its commissioners were elected and then the New Jersey capital passed under the government of a board of five commissioners, who will take the places of the mayor and 28 councilmen, now in charge of affairs.

This revolution in municipal government, which is also an evolution, has a brief but remarkable history. It was back in the '80's and '90's that Dr. Albert Shaw and other publicists began to attack the existing management of cities as being far behind that in Europe. Then came the wave of "muckraking" and reform that resulted in little more than sporadic efforts to change things for the better.

It remained for the flood that almost swept Galveston into the sea to bring all these movements more or less to a head, and to establish a new system of city government, which, with modifications and extensions, has in less than a dozen years been adopted by one hundred or more American cities in a score or more of States, reaching from Massachusetts to California and from Washington to South Carolina.

Galveston's old city government was paralyzed by its disaster and for a time the city was practically ruled by martial law. When the troops were withdrawn it was only to make way for a commission appointed by the governor to have charge of the rehabilitation of the stricken city. This commission, composed of representative citizens, chosen without any regard to party but with the greatest regard to their probity, intelligence and practical experience, so well managed the city that legislative authority was sought and

obtained for a reorganization under a permanent commission of five members. Later a new charter was adopted and the commissioners were elected by popular vote.

So successful was the commission plan in Galveston that in 1903 Houston adopted the idea and by 1907 six other Texas cities—Dallas, Fort Worth, Dennison, El Paso, Sherman and Greenville—had fallen in line and within a year six more cities of that State—Austin, San Antonio, Marshall, Palestine, Waco and Corpus Marshall, Palestine, Waco and Corpus

Then Des Moines took up the idea, developed and extended it and made it so much its own that it became as the "Des Moines idea." Since then it has spread with amazing rapidity, East and West and North. Two great arguments are made in its behalf and these always seem to be sufficient, one the wiping out of "ward politics" and the other, economy. The plan is simplicity itself and is outlined in a few sentences.

City business is conducted by five administrative departments—public affairs, accounts and finance, public safety, street and public improvements, parks and public property. The department of public affairs in Des Moines is in direct charge of the mayor, elected by the people, but in Trenton his place will be taken by one of the five commissioners, who will be elected chairman of the commission. The Trenton commission takes the place of a mayor and council. The underlying working organization of the city government remains practically the same as now. The great idea of all is to bring about such an administration of public affairs that they shall be treated as a whole; that improvements shall be made for the benefit of the whole city; that there shall be no opportunity or hope of "log rolling"; that responsibility shall be centered as much as possible, without too great a centering of power.

Of the results of the commission form of government of the City, Boss," says:

"Every city has its own story of deficits wiped out, floating debt taken up, bonds retired, business methods introduced, long standing nuisances abated, laws enforced, books better kept, streets kept cleaner, public works more honestly constructed, public buildings erected, additional parks and playgrounds acquired, economies enforced and taxes reduced—one, all or many. All report a revival of public spirit and improvement in business resulting from better civic conditions. There is no variation in the character of the reports—everywhere it is less stopped, system taking the place of chaos, efficiency substituted for poor service, promptness for hopelessness procrastination, lower for higher tax levies or better values received for the public outlays. That which most commends the plan is the optimism it brings into our municipal politics."—The New Era.

### Locks Up Well Dressed Drunk.

A well dressed young man who was decidedly under the weather, made his appearance on Michigan street, Saturday at a little past 7:30. Being unable to keep the sidewalk, officer Jacoby was called to his assistance, and placed him in the cage at the fire house.

The man was well dressed and offered practically no resistance to being locked up. Officer Jacoby states he is from Ft. Wayne.

## JUDGMENT GIVEN IN BLIND TIGER CASES

September Term of Marshall Circuit Court Opens Monday, Much Business Has Already Been Transacted—Divorces Granted Cases Dismissed.

The September term of Circuit Court was commenced Monday afternoon by Judge Bernetha.

On motion of E. C. Martindale John M. Tresh of Bourbon was admitted to the bar. He had been admitted to the Kosciusko county bar. Jacob Foltz was appointed court bailiff.

Judgment of \$50 each and costs was rendered against James A. Klinger and Chas. E. Klinger for forfeiture of their recognizance bond. They had been arrested by Monroe Steiner when he was sheriff for illegal sales of liquor.

Joseph Jones and some others have filed a petition in the Sarber ditch, which will be heard Oct. 2. They say the drain is not being dug according to specifications.

Emma E. Hoff dismissed her suit for divorce from Lontana V. Hoff.

**Files New Bond.**  
Jonathan Wolfe, trustee of West township, filed a new bond in the sum of \$12,000 with Geo. A. Dill.

Frank S. Nash, Jno. A. McFarlin, C. T. Middleton, Samuel Gretzinger, Wm. S. Easterday, Jno. W. Luty and M. M. Beck as sureties.

Artie Grosvenor dismissed her divorce suit against Wm. Grosvenor. The ditch petition of David Zehner for a drain in Green township was docketed.

**Takes In \$1450.90.**  
County Clerk Whitesell did a good day's business on Monday. He took in in fees the sum of \$1450.90. Of this \$1056.37 was in the Emma E. Lord estate. The only thing that the clerk didn't like about it was that not a penny of it was coming to him.

The Van Camp Hardware and Iron Co. dismissed its case on account against W. D. Corey.

The State dismissed the case of bigamy against Frederick Neiman. The following state cases were also dismissed:

Against Anna Wynant for petit larceny; and four cases against Schuyler Whiteman for forgery.

Patrick Moriarty dismissed his injunction suit against the Peabody Lumber Co. James Dubail dismissed his case on note against Wm. Holland.

The petition of Helen Hoffman to have a guardian appointed for Albert Weber was dismissed, he being in the insane asylum.

Jas. M. Shafer dismissed his suit for damages against Milo Kesler and others.

Mary E. Crum decided that she did not want a divorce from her husband, Amos Crum and so dismissed her suit.

The Durand & Kasper Co. got judgment against Jno. J. Vangundy for \$128.55 and costs.

McNeil & Higgins Co. were given judgment for \$142.90 against W. D. Parks on account.

The Palm Bros. Co. were given judgment on account against the McCallum Steel Wagon Co. for \$71.70 and costs.

Lucy Fortune's claim of \$10 against the Estate of Chas. W. Buck was allowed.

### Liquors to be Destroyed.

The court found in the case of State against Edw. Shipley that the liquors seized by and in possession of the sheriff herein, were kept for unlawful sale and that said liquor and vessels and barrels in which it is contained shall be destroyed by the sheriff.

The same finding was made in the case against Grant Hanes and Harvey Miller for running a "blind tiger."

The cases against Garland Bogardus and Geo. Chapman for keeping places for the unlawful sale of liquors are set for trial Sept. 21.

Samantha J. Linkenbelt dismissed her case on account against Oscar Tribbey.

Attorney S. N. Stevens was appointed to defend Edward E. Snyder for grand larceny.

Ella B. Lynch was granted a divorce from Beverly B. Lynch. Edith Snyder was given a divorce from Edw. E. Snyder.

Anson E. Buckley was granted a divorce from Jennie E. Buckley and

is not allowed to remarry for two years.

Samuel B. Herstein has his title quieted to lands as against Elizabeth Casner, David Starrett and others.

The sales of the commissioner in the Zehner partition case were approved.

Tura Barts was granted a divorce from Jesse Barts and the care and custody of their daughter.

### SEPTEMBER TERM JURORS CHOSEN

Petit Jurors: Daniel Couris, West tp., John F. Arnold and Enos Peetoe of North tp., Samuel Raff, Polk tp., George Zechel, Union tp., Wilson Coplin of Walnut tp., Chas. Romig, Green tp., Chas. Annis and George W. Huff, German tp., Chas. N. Price, Bourbon tp., Chas. M. Maugh and David J. Furry of Center tp.

Grand Jurors: Frank M. Parker and Washington Overmyer of Union tp., David Harrington and Frank Wood of Tippecanoe tp., John W. Wolfe of Polk tp. and Oro B. Welborn of West tp.

### BOB LONG WINS FARM.

Plymouth Young Man Gets 160 Acres in Government Opening of Indiana Reservation.

"Bob" Long, son of C. E. Long, returned home Sunday from the northwest, where he recently took a chance at one of Uncle Sam's farms in the opening of the Berthold Indian Reservation. Bob won a 160 acre farm. He has been working in a drug store in Minot, N. D., and left that job to go to the University of Illinois at Champaign and continue his course in pharmacy. He left here Monday night for Champaign.

### Explanation of Parade.

There seems to be a misunderstanding as to which day the automobiles are to be used in parade. The automobile parade being Thursday, all are putting forth efforts to make it a success. The industrial parade will be on Saturday and the management expects to make this a complete success. In order to do so, as it is farmers' day and horse day, the automobiles must be out of the industrial parade on Saturday unless there are enough who see fit to use cars to make a separate parade. This arrangement must be complied with to avoid accidents in the way of scaring horses in the industrial parade.

We conclude by asking all who have promised to be in this parade to fulfill their promises and be on the spot promptly at 2:45 p. m. ready to receive orders.

Yours for a good day,  
U. S. Lemert,  
Geo. Marks,  
Otto Klingerman,  
Committee.

### LIGHT COMPANY

### SUSTAINS LOSS.

The lightning last evening did a great deal of damage to the Light and Water Company. One of the large machines which supplies the street lights with current was burned out, as well as several transformers. Mr. Snoeberger estimates the loss at about \$500.

### Fall Festival Bands

Thursday, Sept. 21.  
Walkerton Band.  
Bremen Band.  
Farmers' Band, Bourbon.  
Friday, Sept. 22nd.  
Argos Band.  
Rochester Band.  
Saturday, Sept. 23rd.  
Plymouth Band.  
Culver Juvenile Band.